



# Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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The Honorable Jim Doyle  
Governor of Wisconsin  
State Capitol, Room 115 East  
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Investigation to Assess Wisconsin's Potential for the Development  
of Wind Energy Resources in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior

5-EI-144

Dear Governor Doyle:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is proud to provide you a copy of *Harnessing Wisconsin's Energy Resources: An Initial Investigation into Great Lakes Wind Development*. A collaborative effort by a number of state agencies, joined by state and national experts, the report details the potential benefits and hurdles in developing clean wind energy projects in the Great Lakes.

The report notes that while existing technology and legal authority may allow for large-scale wind development in the Great Lakes bordering Wisconsin, there remain a number of issues that warrant further preliminary investigation. These include additional analysis of wind strength, the impact of these facilities on wildlife, advanced engineering needs for deepwater placement of turbines, and possible statutory modifications to clarify the appropriate role for state and federal regulators.

We look forward to working with you to further explore the potential for capturing the clean energy just off the shores of Wisconsin, and continuing to make Wisconsin a leader in the green economy.

Sincerely,

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Eric Callisto  
Chairperson

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Mark Meyer  
Commissioner

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